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MEMORANDUM FOR: STC

ATTENTION: C J

SUBJECT: Various Points Respecting APPLE Team.

1. In reference to a conversation between C J. and C J. concerning clearances of five members of APPLE, CRANE and FLUM Teams our records show that the following persons have received operational clearances:

22032 AIRCHIP Clearance # 6537 7 August 1953
RNDEPART 39406 Clearance # 918 7 August 1951
AIRBLOWN 12931 Clearance # 3767 29 August 1952

2. Of the other two persons about whom C J. expressed an interest, AIRSPRAY was employed only as a guide on the initial infiltration of APPLE Team. He was loaned to OBOPUS by the C J. by whom he was employed in the same capacity for several years. AIRSPRAY had been cleared by the C J. authorities. GABLUTION was a member of the old Thunderstorm group. Prior to that he was a follower of BNPUTLOG. No PFC I and II forms on GABLUTION were received at headquarters.

3. The following persons have been exposed in one way or another to the APPLE project and are to a certain extent compromised.

✓ RNDEPART
✓ AIRMAIL 10556
✓ AIRSPRAY - Proj. 13g found
✓ AIRBLOWN -
✓ AIRWISE 12480

a. RNDEPART and AIRMAIL are in a refugee camp located on Syros Island. Although they are not directly under our control a close surveillance can be kept on these men since their movements are restricted to the island and their mail is censored. Their services will not be required in the future.

b. AIRSPRAY is also restricted to an island off the mainland of Greece. The Albanian-Greek border is probably better known to AIRSPRAY than to any other refugee in Greece. This factor and his wide experience in overland infiltration into Albania would make him extremely valuable to any future OBOPUS operations. At present there are objections by the Greek authorities to the employment of AIRSPRAY by OBOPUS because of his former employment with the Greeks and his subsequent refusal to continue working for them. An attempt will be made to employ AIRSPRAY if Greek objections are withdrawn.

c. AIRBLOWN

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c. AIRBLOWN is directly under CEOPUS control. He is a well-trained and capable W/T operator who is presently staying in one of OBOPUS' safehouses. His training and capabilities are an important asset. It is worth noting that in a former assessment made of over 100 Albanian refugees only 3 refugees qualified for W/T training.

d. AIRWISE is also directly under CEOPUS control. He is the leader of FIG Team which presently has the best potential for 1954 operations. AIRWISE is definitely the backbone of the team. Without his participation the group as a team would not be as effective.

3. If AIRWISE, AIRBLOWN or AIRSPRAY are used in future operations their former contact with the APPLE project will naturally be considered and maximum security precaution taken in use of former contacts, etc.

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Acting Chief, SE